

BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

VOLUME II.

GREAT BEND, KANSAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1887.

NUMBER 50.

Growth of our Cities.

The New York World almanac contains a statement of the present population of the principal cities of the Union, as estimated in each case by the mayor or some other officer of the municipal government, being guided in many cases by recent censuses. New York, with 1,400,000, and Philadelphia, with 1,000,000, hold first and second places undisputed. Brooklyn, claiming, 710,000, and Chicago 703,000, stand next in order, and it is evident that the former will give way when the next federal census is taken in 1890. Baltimore claims fifth place with 460,000, St. Louis next with 450,000 and Boston seventh with 400,000. In 1880 in these cities the order was reversed. Cincinnati and San Francisco each claim 300,000, the latter gaining on the former. New Orleans ranks next with 240,000, but Buffalo, claiming 225,000, has passed Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and at its rate of progress will soon overhaul New Orleans. Washington, or the district of Columbia, is estimated at 210,000. Pittsburgh puts forward a claim 200,559, beating Cleveland 559. Detroit is estimated at 175,000—a careful and conservative figure—and stands fifteenth in the scale, having passed Newark, Louisville and Jersey City since 1880. Other cities follow as follows: Milwaukee, 170,000; Newark, 160,000; Minneapolis, 160,000; Jersey City, 155,000; St. Paul, 140,000; Louisville, 140,000; Kansas City, 125,000; Providence, 120,000; Indianapolis, 150,000 and Albany, Allegheny and Rochester, each 100,000. In matter of freedom from debt, Detroit stands first on the list.—Detroit Free Press.

A Man From Pennsylvania.

Do congressmen make many requests for passes? was asked of a prominent railway official at the capital this morning. "Don't they?" exclaimed that gentleman, in tones of unmistakable disgust. "They not only ask for themselves, but the members of their families and friends as well." "I think," continued the railroad man, reflectively, "the meanest man I ever met in the manner of passes was a member of congress. All one winter he had bored us for passes upon one pretext or another. One day he wrote us to send him a pass for himself from Pittsburgh to Washington and another for his son from Pittsburgh to Baltimore. The lad he explained, was going there to school. It appears that he subsequently changed his mind, and kept the youngster at Washington with him. He wrote us this information in fact, and inclosed in that letter the boy's pass and asked us to send him in money the fare from Washington to Baltimore. He explained that the pass entitled him to the ride, but he would take the money instead. It was the coolest proposition I have ever heard of." "What was the congressman's name?" queried a curious bystander. "I can't give you that, but I will say that he lived in Pennsylvania."—New York Herald.

Boston to Honor Carlisle.

It may not be very pleasing to Senator Hoar, but it is no less a fact, that Speaker Carlisle is to invade the Bay State. The arrangements for the Bay State Club dinner in Boston next Saturday have been completed, and it is to take the form of a testimonial to Speaker Carlisle, whose presence is assured. Among other guests who have promised to be present are Congressmen Wilson of West Va., Springer of Illinois, Maybury of Michigan, McAdoo of New Jersey and Watson of Indiana. The dinner will be at the Revere House, and the occasion promises to be an exceedingly interesting one. It is safe to predict in advance that not one word will fall from the lips of the Kentucky statesman unworthy of him or that can be tortured into an offensive reference to the Massachusetts Senator, who went out of his way to assail the Speaker on the floor of the Senate a few days ago.—Boston Sun.

"A full-blooded Indian has been ordained a deacon in a church at Minneapolis." We find this item in a good many of our exchanges, and the fact that no one of them has taken advantage of it to suggest that the new deacon must be a Lo churchman speaks volumes for the self-restraint of the American paragrapher.—N. Y. Tribune.

Sid H. Nealy, a young journalist of Washington, has invented a submarine torpedo which he calls "Sea Devil," capable of carrying a charge of nearly a thousand pounds of dynamite. It is to send after an enemy's ship from either the shore or a ship and its inventor asserts that no ship, however fast, can run away from it. The body of the torpedo carrying the charge, revolves with tremendous rapidity,

the shaft in the rear being held motionless by a float to which a torpedo is attached and by four flat blades that stick out from the shaft like so many wings. On reaching the guards of a ship the torpedo ducks its head, dives fourteen feet into the water, raises his head and darts against the ship's hull. It is steered until it reaches the ship by electric wires.

Shot Through the Hand.

Mr. C. B. Donaldson, proprietor of the Trans-Continental hotel, accidentally shot himself through the left hand on last Friday afternoon, while hunting on the Ninescha, about twenty miles from Sterling. The accident occurred at about 5:30 p. m., and it is supposed to have been caused by his dog rubbing against the triggers of the gun as Mr. D. stood resting his left hand on the muzzle. The charge, which was of shot, made a terrible hole through his hand, carrying away several of the small bones. Mr. Donaldson walked a mile after the accident, and then rode home before the wound was dressed. He is doing as well as could be expected, and although his hand will probably be saved to him, it will be neither as useful nor ornamental as before.—Sterling Bulletin.

ORATORY.

Several Barton county men will remember Col. Jones, of Dodge City, who made a speech, nominating Mr. Cook as the democratic nominee for congress from this district, at Larned last fall. It seems that the Colonel has not lost his cunning, judging from the following which we quote from the Ford County Republican: "It's no small wonder that we thrive and grow when we have such forensic talent in our midst as Col. Jones exhibits when he turns himself loose oratorically before a jury in the district court. On a recent occasion the Colonel, warmed up by a liberal fee, and with what else is unknown, soared into such a height of eloquence and argument that strong men wept—women fainted—children screamed—dogs barked, and flakes of plastering fell from the court room as big as a town lot."

The Santa Fe railway officials assert that, on the completion of the C. K. & W. to Chicago, the present name will give place to the Chicago, Santa Fe & California rail road, under which will be included the whole Santa Fe system. The name Denver Division will be applied to that part of the road between Great Bend and Denver and the branch which is being extended through the Indian Territory will be called the Gulf Division. Other branches will be similarly designated. Work will be commenced on the C. K. & W. at every point on the line which can be easily reached by some great trunk line so as to admit of easy and speedy delivery of material. At headquarters they expect the road to be completed by the first of September, 1888.—Ex.

There is this about it—if the land wasn't worth anything out in western Kansas; if the beautiful locations and the smiling valleys were not what men struggled for the world over, then there would be no county seat wars out there. Kansas was born into existence amongst just such throes, and from that time to this the value of the inheritance the gentle Jayhawker has obtained has been attested in many a hard fought contest among individual settlers as well as organized communities for the possession of farms and the location of town sites. The world at large, who have been taught to believe that the greater part of western Kansas is a sterile waste, will open their eyes when they hear how hotly people fight for homes and towns out there.—Topeka Commonwealth.

Many a dealer who places a \$10 advertisement in his local paper begrudges the investment, when it is worth double what he pays for it. A one column advertisement in the Chicago Tribune costs \$26,000. The New York Herald receives for its lowest priced column \$39,263, and for the highest \$54,890. The New York Tribune for the lowest priced column \$29,764, and for the highest \$35,658, and these papers never lack for advertisements to fill their columns. And still there are lots of people who wonder why a country paper can not be furnished at as low price as the great weekly's are sold for.—Pratt County Register.

—Canned sweet potatoes at C. & A's.
—Some of the best dried fruits you ever saw at C. & A's.
—Save money by buying your oyster in bulk from C. & A.
—You will find a nice lot of dressed chickens and turkeys on hand at Beyes.

BARGAINS

REAL ESTATE,

Those Desiring to CATCH ON!

BOOM

By making some good investments in real estate while property is at low figures should call at

BUCKLAND'S LOAN OFFICE!

Who has a fine list of property, as well as the BEST BARGAINS, of any agency in the city. Choice vacant

RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS LOTS, ELEGANT SUBURBAN TRACTS!

From one acre up; good residence property and a few good business properties in good locations at

BIG BARGAINS!

A large amount of property will change hands in this city in the next few months, and big money can be made in judicious investments. Those who buy first can double their money in the next ninety days.

Also farms in Barton, Stafford and Rush counties, on easy terms. Lots in old city limits, lots in Heizer Park addition, lots in College Grove addition, lots in Bonewitz addition.

Lots Sold on Monthly Payments.

A. J. Buckland, Land and Loan Agent, Great Bend, : : Kas.

WELL DRILLING!

FARMERS AND STOCKMEN

I have one of the most complete well machines ever brought to this country. I am prepared to drill wells any depth required. I will guarantee plenty of good water and a first class job in every respect. Terms for drilling 50 cent per foot, or 75 cent including tubing complete with Galvanized Iron No. 22, 6 inches in diameter, locked and riveted; the best that is made. Plenty of water and satisfaction guaranteed, or no pay required. Orders left at Henry Wildgen's barn, south side of the square will receive prompt attention.

JOSEPH WILDGEN.

CHOICE SELECTIONS

FROM BRILLIANT AUTHORS

QUEENSWARE!
"O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!
It wad frae many a blunder free us
And foolish notion;
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea's us
And ev'n devotion."
—
There were four crows sat on the ground—
Carrot colored, brindle, white and brown;
Said one old crow unto his mate:
"Keeney is getting away with the baggage of late!"
Said the old white crow, with solemn men,
In the most solemn manner ever was seen:
"Something must be done, or sure as you're born
We'll have to eat shucks, instead of corn!"
The wisest crow then croaked his jaw
And slowly scratching his beak with his claw,
Said, "Surely, something has got to be done—
For Keeney he is a son of a gun!"
Then they all looked as wise as wise
And the wisest old crow looked the wisest of three,
As he said in a voice so solemn and low,
"We'll go out and COMPEL people to buy, you know!"
Then they all joined in
A loud refrain—
For they had, (in their minds,)
Downed Keeney again.
—
"There was a man in our town,
And he was wondrous wise;
He jumped into a bramble bush
And scratched out both his eyes."
MORAL.—Don't be a bramble bush.
—
"See't thou a man diligent in business,
He shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men."
—
"But, mouse, thou art no thy lane,
In pr'ving, forewight may be vain:
The best laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea's us naught but grief an' pain
For promis'd joy!"
—
"He who by the plow would thrive
Himself must either hold or drive."

J. V. BRINKMAN & CO., BANKERS, ESTABLISHED IN 1874. DOES A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS. Great Bend, Kansas.

\$500,000 to Loan. AT 7 PER CENT!

On long time, with the privilege of paying at any time.

ROOM 8 ALLEN-HUBBARD BLOCK: W. M. IRELAND.

T. GRIFFITH. DEALER IN Groceries, Glassware, Queensware etc., etc.

A LARGE STOCK OF PURE GOODS AT LOW PRICES!

Four Doors South of Opera Block, Great Bend.

ROBINSON & STERRETT, DEALERS IN

STOVES AND TINWARE, Hardware and Implements.

MAKE A SPECIALTY OF Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware. MAIN STREET, SOUTH OF LELAND HOTEL.

BRINKMAN BROS. & GWINN,

Dealers in Lumber, Sash, DOORS AND BLINDS.

Plasterers' Supplies and everything pertaining to house building. A full line of Kaw Valley Paints.

EVERY : GALLON : WARRANTED.

Southwest Corner Square, GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

ATTORNEYS.

THEO. C. COLE. ELLIOT C. COLE
County Attorney.
COLE BROTHERS,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
Office in Court House.
S. Counsel in German by Theo. C. Cole.

MAHER & OSMOND, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

Rooms 4 and 5 in Allen's Block, GREAT BEND - - KAN.

SAM. J. DAY, Attorney at Law WILLNER BLOCK, GREAT BEND, : : KANSAS.

R. T. EWALT, Notary. J. H. BEMENT.

EWALT & BEMENT, Attorneys at Law, Real Estate and Loan Agents,

collecting a Specialty, Rent Property and Pay Taxes.

C. F. DIFFENBACHER, D. A. BANTA.
DIFFENBACHER & BANTA,
Attorneys at Law
Office in Allen-Hubbard Block, rooms 9 and 11.

PHYSICIANS.

F. LIGHTFOOT, Physician & Surgeon.

Headquarters at Allen's Drug Store.

S. J. SHAW, M. D. OFFICE IN—

Allen's Block, GREAT BEND. KAN.

A. Y. McCORMICK, M. D., Physician & Surgeon.

Office over Dodge & Co.'s Hardware Store, Northwest Corner Square.

DR. S. Ayres, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

HEADQUARTERS AT Burson & Shaw's Drug Store.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANT. TYPER HOUSE.

Terms Reasonable. Good Sample Rooms.

EAST SIDE OF SQUARE, Great Bend - - - Kansas.

VALLEY HOUSE,

Near the Depot. Best accommodations in the city for the money. Transient, \$1.50 per day. Day board per week, \$4.00. A good feed stable attached.

N. R. HOLMES, Proprietor.

J. TROILLETT,

Restaurant and Confectionery, day board and lodging. Fine cigars and tobacco, candies, etc., always on hand. All kinds of drinks in their season. Oysters in every style. Forest Avenue, first door west of the Post-office.

SAUL WHEELER, Wagon -:- Maker

—AND— REPAIRER.

F. M. HODGE'S OLD STAND, WILLIAMS AVE., GREAT BEND.

CHAS. BEYE,

—DEALER IN—

GROCERIES,

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

A new and splendid line of goods, which I am selling at the very lowest figures. When you need anything in his line give him a call. First door north of Robinson & Sterrett's hardware store.